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SUBJECT: CANDIDATES FOR POST OF DEPUTY SECGEN OF OECD

FOR: UNDERSECRETARY CASEY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL
DIRECTOR

1. OECD SECGEN VAN LENNEP CALLED ME URGENTLY LAST EVENING TO POINT OUT HIS EMBARRASSING SITUAIION IN HAVING RECEIVED NO APPROACH FROM USG WITH CANDIDATES FOR HIM CONSIDER AS REPLACEMENT FOR DEPUTY SECGEN TIMMONS. REPEATING PLEAS PREVIOUSLY MADE TO ME, TO CASEY AT NAIROBI,AND TO OTHERS, VAN LENNEP SPOKE WITH GENUINE ANXIETY OVER FACT THAT TIMMONS DEPARTURE NEXT MONTH WILL LEAVE CRITICAL VACANCY.

2. ALTHOUGH HE ALLUDED TO ALL THREE TOP POSTS HELD BY AMERICANS HERE (IN SECRETARIAT AND MISSION) WHOSE STATUS IS STILL UNRESOLVED, VAN LENNEP CONCENTRATED THIS CONVERSATION ON TIMMONS REPLACEMENT, SAYING HE DOES NOT SEE HOW HE CAN CARRY OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OECD UNLESS HE CAN HAVE NEW DEPUTY OF EQUAL ABILITY AND HAVE HIM FAST. HE OBSERVED THAT USG HAD NOTIFIED HIM MANY MONTHS AGO THAT IT WOULD NOTRENEW SECONDMENT APPOINTMENT FOR TIMMONS BEYOND DECEMBER AND THAT IT WOULD BE OFFERING HIM CANDIDATES FOR CONSIDERATION. IF US NOW FEELS INCAPABLE OF DOING
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THIS, HE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO TURN TO OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS,

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THOUGH HE HOPES THAT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

3. COMMENT. VAN LENNEP CONFIRMED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS ABOUT QUALIFICATIONS HE IS SEEKING. HE WANTS MAN WITH ECONOMIC TRAINING AND POLICY SENSE, BUT WOULD USE HIM LARGELY IN EXECUTIVE OR MANAGERIAL CAPACITY, HENCE CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE DIRECTING ARGE STAFF. I AM CONVINCED THAT VAN LENNEP'S NEEDS AND CONCERNS ARE GENUINE AND THAT WE MUST SUBMIT TO HIM TOP-GRADE CANDIDATES WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.
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